

## Rules/Formulas

Local Sidereal Time = Right Ascension on the Meridian

Local Sidereal Time = Local Hour Angle of Object + Right Ascension of Object  
 $LST = LHA(obj) + RA(obj)$

Local Sidereal Time = Local Hour Angle of Vernal Equinox  
 $LST = LHA(VE)$

Latitude = Altitude of North Celestial Pole  
 $Lat = Alt \text{ of NCP}$

Latitude = Zenith Distance of Celestial Equator (at Meridian)

Latitude = Declination + Zenith Distance of Transiting Object  
 $Lat = Dec + ZD$ . Zenith Distance is taken as positive when measured south along the meridian, negative when measured toward north.

Zenith Distance + Altitude =  $90^\circ$   
 $ZD = Alt + 90^\circ$

Longitude = Local Sidereal Time – Greenwich Sidereal Time  
 $Long = LST - GST$

Longitude = Local Mean Solar Time – Greenwich Mean Solar Time  
 $Long = LMT - GMT$

Local Mean Solar Time = Local Hour Angle of the Sun + 12 hours  
 $LMT = LHA(sun) + 12h$

Standard Time = LMT + longitude correction. Longitude correction is taken as + when West (clockwise) of Greenwich, - when East (ccw).

Right Ascension of Sun = Months since March 21 times 2

Declination of Sun =  $0^\circ$  at both Equinoxes;  $23.5^\circ N$  at Summer Solstice;  
 $23.5^\circ S$  at Winter Solstice

